U.S. TRAVEL AND TOURISM BALANCE OF TRADE: China Receipts (Exports) and Payments (Imports) 2004-2013

[Millions of U.S. Dollars]

Receipts (Exports)	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total Travel and Tourism-Related Exports ⁽¹⁾	\$2,461	\$3,324	\$3,919	\$4,774	\$6,086	\$6,869	\$10,249	\$13,925	\$18,152	\$21,115
% Change	12%	35%	18%	22%	27%	13%	49%	36%	30%	16%
Travel (for all purposes including education) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	\$2,240	\$2,971	\$3,490	\$4,156	\$5,189	\$6,022	\$8,942	\$11,877	\$15,864	\$18,694
% Change	10%	33%	17%	19%	25%	16%	48%	33%	34%	18%
Of Which: Education Related ⁽⁴⁾	\$1,291	\$1,542	\$1,627	\$1,881	\$2,377	\$3,049	\$4,014	\$5,123	\$6,498	\$8,041
% Change	3%	19%	6%	16%	26%	28%	32%	28%	27%	24%
Of Which: Other Business/Other Personal Trave(5)	\$782	\$1,244	\$1,667	\$2,068	\$2,594	\$2,926	\$4,874	\$6,696	\$9,306	\$10,586
% Change	25%	59%	34%	24%	25%	13%	67%	37%	39%	14%
Passenger Air Transport ⁽⁶⁾	\$221	\$353	\$429	\$618	\$897	\$847	\$1,307	\$2,048	\$2,288	\$2,421
% Change	32%	60%	22%	44%	45%	-6%	54%	57%	12%	6%
Payments (Imports)	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total Travel and Tourism-Related Imports (1)	\$2,541	\$3,173	\$3,658	\$4,237	\$3,896	\$3,307	\$3,805	\$3,769	\$4,338	\$4,642
% Change	77%	25%	15%	16%	-8%	-15%	15%	-1%	15%	7%
Travel (for all purposes including education) (2)(3)	\$2,153	\$2,686	\$3,055	\$3,543	\$3,198	\$2,847	\$3,270	\$3,157	\$3,660	\$3,881
% Change	69%	25%	14%	16%	-10%	-11%	15%	-3%	16%	6%
Of Which: Education Related (4)	\$74	\$105	\$147	\$178	\$210	\$224	\$236	\$254	\$265	\$283
% Change	311%	42%	40%	21%	18%	7%	5%	8%	4%	7%
Of Which: Other Business/Other Personal Trave(5)	\$2,064	\$2,566	\$2,876	\$3,332	\$2,954	\$2,590	\$3,000	\$2,868	\$3,358	\$3,560
% Change	66%	24%	12%	16%	-11%	-12%	16%	-4%	17%	6%
Passenger Air Transport ⁽⁶⁾	\$388	\$487	\$603	\$694	\$698	\$460	\$535	\$612	\$678	\$761
% Change	141%	26%	24%	15%	1%	-34%	16%	14%	11%	12%
Balance of Trade	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Balance of Trade	-\$80	\$151	\$261	\$537	\$2,190	\$3,562	\$6,444	\$10,156	\$13,814	\$16,473

¹ Total Travel and Tourism Exports/Imports represents the sum of 'Travel' + 'Passenger Air Transport' exports/imports (what international visitors spent while here + what they spent to get here).

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Travel and Tourism Office from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, December 2014.

² Travel: These accounts cover purchases of goods and services by U.S. persons traveling abroad and by foreign travelers in the United States for business or personal reasons. These goods and services include food, lodging, recreation, gifts, entertainment, local transportation in the country of travel, and other items incidental to a foreign visit.

³ All travel purposes include 1) business travel, including expenditures by border, seasonal, and other short-term workers and 2) personal travel, including health-related and education-related travel, along with spending on day-trips (less than one night).

⁴ All costs foreign students incur in the United States, including tuition at a U.S. institution.

⁵ This category includes business travel other than expenditures by border, seasonal, and other short-term workers, and personal travel other than education-related travel and health-related travel.

⁶ Fares received for the transport of nonresidents by U.S. air carriers between the United States and foreign countries and between two foreign points (exports), and the transport of U.S. residents by foreign air carriers between the United States and foreign countries (imports).